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The following information on the SNB Unit No 9600 up to [REDACTED] was secured:

1. Subordination: Ministry of the Interior, where a Col PAVEL was believed to have charge of all SNB affairs.
2. Unit designation: Overt designation: Command of Border Guard 9600 (Velitelstvi pohranicni straze 9600). The quarters were marked with the Utvar No 9600.
3. Quarters: Police Barracks on Pripotoeni Street, PRAQUE-VRSOVICE.*
4. Officers: CO: Lt Col Jiri KOVAR
Adjutant: 2d Lt Frantisek VACHA
Education Officer: 2d Lt Josef VLCEK.
5. Strength: The cadre of the Unit No 9600 numbered about 120 men, including staff officers, clerks, drivers, administrative and medical personnel. The unit conducted courses for COs of the SNB border guard battalions.
6. Equipment: 20 armored cars for three-man crews, each equipped with a machine gun. About 45 radio sets of Canadian origin for communication with the SNB border guard battalions. No gas-defense equipment was available.
7. Mood: Young personnel and officers were reliable Communists. NCOs and E4 were about 40 percent Communist, and about 60 percent discontented or politically indifferent.
8. Uniforms: Field-grey; no special SNB insignia; officers and E4 were grey-bordered red epaulets; red-banded round caps with chin strap; only the state coat of arms was worn on the caps.
9. Miscellaneous data: There were no SNB regiments, only independent SNB battalions. The battalions were exclusively

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assigned to border duty, but had different strengths. All border guard battalions in Bohemia were subordinate to Unit No 9600. The battalions had their own Utvar numbers allegedly changed from time to time.

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* Comment: The Rohace z dube SNB Barracks (formerly the "28th Inf Regt" Barracks) was also located in PRAQUE-VRSOVICE. It was occupied by two special SNB units with the cover surnames "Lipa" and "Javor". Only especially authorized persons had access to the barracks.

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Comment:

a. The special SNB units "Lipa" and "Javor" are known from previous reports.

b. Lt Col Jiri KOVAR was previously identified as CO of SNB Unit Utvar No 9600.

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